

The Wilcox House  
1000 Magie Avenue  
Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. Stanley J. Anderson

Date of Erection: 1850

Architect:

Builder: Brandt Crane

Present Condition: Good; practically unchanged

Number of Stories: Main section two and one-half  
Wing one and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - rubble sand-  
stone and brownstone  
except front where brown-  
stone is cut in blocks  
and dressed

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, clapboards,  
narrow on front, wide on  
the other elevations

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The property upon which this house stands  
came into the Wilcox family in 1738 when William  
Jones sold it to Peter Willcock. There was also

another transfer involved in 1743 when Robert Meeker and Stephen Crane sold a piece to Peter Willcock. It passed from Peter Willcock to Stephen by will in 1762, and later to James Willcock, by that time spelled Wilcox, in 1793. From James Wilcox the property descended to Elihu Wilcox.

Brandt Crane erected the house for Elihu and Annalizabeth Ross Wilcox. It was copied from an earlier house of the period. Five hundred dollars was paid to him for labor, Mr. Wilcox furnishing the material. The original Wilcox house was located near the present one; it was torn down and the material was used in the wing of the house of the survey.


The property passed from Elihu to G. Newton Wilcox and shortly after his death in 1922, the house passed out of the Wilcox family.

Few changes have taken place since the building of the house. The dining room now has a wooden mantel; originally this was of marble. The present living room was the older kitchen.

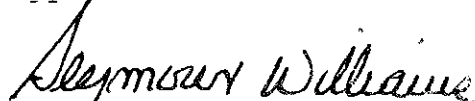
The most important member of the Wilcox family was James Wilcox, the father of the present builder. James Wilcox enlisted in April 1777 as a private in the Revolutionary Army at the age of thirteen years and six months. He served later as a deputy mayor of Elizabeth and was minister of the Baptist Church in Union.

Bibliography:

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